

EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Although unemployment has not been a problem for Sanford residents in general, many unskilled workers, especially Negro women, have experienced difficulty in securing employment. It is evident that the economy of Sanford is growing due to the fact that 630 more residents had jobs in 1960 than in 1950. This is true even though a local textile plant closed during the 1950's.

What lies ahead for Sanford? No one can say; however, if we project present trends into the future, we can get some indication of what likely will be the case in the coming years unless present trends are changed.

Using the national growth rates for each industry, employment in Sanford has been projected to 1970 and 1980 by industry. According to these projections, employment in machinery, Sanford's most dominant type of manufacturing, will make rapid gains during the next two decades. The number of people employed in this one type of manufacturing is expected to reach 1,200 by 1970 and 1,800 by 1980. The machinery industrialists interviewed expect nominal growth each year and their definite plans for immediate expansion will add about 200 more employees.

Table 9: PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR
SANFORD

INDUSTRY	1960	1970*	1980*
Total Employed	4,957	6,164	7,966
Manufacturing	1,815	2,239	2,890
Construction	314	347	383
Trans-Com-Util.	222	249	290
Commerce	1,278	1,489	1,747
Personal & Prof. Services	1,142	1,549	2,156
Other	186	291	500

*Projections made by applying national growth rates.

Other types of manufacturing in which expansion is likely include food, printing, and chemicals. Only a moderate amount of expansion is expected in primary and fabricated metals and apparel. However, due to the rapid growth in apparel manufacturing in the State, rapid rather than slow growth may be the case for this type of manufacturing. A dye and finishing textile plant capable of employing about 150 people is scheduled for construction soon.